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Spoil the rod and spare the child
the modern way.

After all, how appropriate that epitaphs are usually graven.

A steel famine is predicted. This will call for iron endurance.

Perhaps the millennium awaits the discovery of a serum against old age.

The great trouble with the European status quo is that it won't stay put.

Don't count your chickens until you're sure the incubator lamp doesn't leak.

Cipriano Castro says he is going to remain permanently in Tenerife. Thanks.

In New York an ordinary taxi driver was arrested on suspicion that he was a robber.

Another blow at the American work ingman with a tax contemplated on all incomes over \$3,000.

St. Louis policemen demand an eight-hour day. He who says may read the time by the hour.

According to the census there are 124,000 idiots in the country. But only one kind were counted.

Two Germans whose lives were in six hours. This may be called both literary and journalistic going some.

People live longer in cities than in villages, and German savants may be city people are more afraid to die.

Widening smoking areas are an exhibition in New York, where they very likely stop work in the back-tice.

Although a child could be broken into messages, it is more than possible of doing more than twenty-five.

In Pennsylvania a devoted high official died of apoplexy. In Mexico City he is seen in an automobile ride.

Farmers in Pennsylvania docked to a bargain sale of coffins. A bargain sale will excite a live interest in anything.

With onions selling at 15 cents a bushel there's no perceptible increase in the practice of smothering things in them.

Now that St. Louis police are to have an eight hour day, the night force will be provided with more time to sleep.

A clergyman finds that many plays teach their morals hurriedly in the last act—or during chair-lamming in the first.

General Sung of China was killed by assassins who were really looking for General Sing. Chinese tensions are terribly fatal.

The use of cosmetics is said to be very old. Apparently that is also what some of those using them think of themselves.

An eastern physician says that womanhood will supply the drunkards of the next century. Rather, lack of womanhood.

Ten months is said to be the life of the average \$10 bill. But the experience of most of us is that it lingers only a few days.

Hundreds of New York teachers are said to hold their jobs by keeping their marriages secret. But have they no fool friends?

A dentist is asked to pay \$1,000 for pulling the wrong tooth. Some dentists have to wait a year for filling the right ones.

Men here is a harbor of refuge. A leading Chicago milliner says the niftiest kind of spring hat can be "built" for 50 cents.

A domestic theorist advises mistresses to allow their servants to use the family piano. But why add to the horrors of civilization?

In all candor it must be admitted that it must be exceedingly annoying to a thirsty man to get hold of the syrup bottle by mistake.

Fifty thousand dollars is a neat sum, useful in old age. But it's long odds that an aviator so reckless as to be willing to fly across the Atlantic to get the money would never live to a ripe old age anyway.

Did you ever observe that the people who are always clamoring to "muzzle the press" are the ones who need the most watching?

People who were annoyed by the beautiful nickel will suffer paroxysms at the attempt of the reformers to take the "e" out of money.

This season's hobbie skirts are to be even tighter than ever before. Although requiring less cloth, the price, it is assured, will not shrink in proportion.

GIRL NOW CLAIMS STORY WAS FALSE

BERTHA CAPPS DENIES EVIDENCE SHE GAVE, CONVICTING FATHER OF MURDER.

SWORE PARENT FIRED HOME

Largely Through Her Testimony Methodist Minister Was Convicted of Slaying His Three Children—Brother Repudiates.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Bertha Capps, 15 years old, daughter of Rev. Marion Capps, recently convicted and sentenced to hang for burning his three children to death, repudiates her testimony given in the trial of her father, and which was largely responsible for his conviction.

It is said that Miss Capps, 17 years old, her brother, has also made the statement that his testimony against his father was false.

Mr. Capps, a Methodist minister of White Bluff, was convicted here a month ago for the deaths of his three children in a fire that destroyed his home December 15 last.

Bertha Capps, in her testimony, said she was told by an ill-souled man and the date of the fire looked. She also swore she saw her father in her room and lock the door while the fire was being started.

The room was saturated with oil, and she said her father had made a central deposit of her testimony, and now says the fire undoubtedly was caused by the explosion of a lamp and that her father was in no way responsible for the deaths of his children.

The Capps children that were killed to death were, Porter, 8; Priests, 7; and Mark, 12. Ellis and Bertha were also injured in the blaze.

The girl at the trial declared she was forced to lie in bed until the flames from the burning house ate through the ropes that bound her and then, staggering, and half blinded by the smoke and gas from the burning oil, she managed to escape from the house and flee to the home of neighbors, where she gave the alarm and caused rescuers to rush to the house, but too late to save two of the children, who were burned in the building, and another child that died a few hours later as the result of burns.

The boy testified that after he escaped from the fire his father told him that if he did not return into the building to rescue the remaining children he would be his hands and feet and throw him into the flames.

For Uniform Labor Laws.

Washington.—An amendment to the constitution which, when ratified by two-thirds of the states, would give congress the power to make uniform the hours of labor throughout the United States, is proposed in a resolution introduced in the house by Representative Curley of Massachusetts.

Arrest of Glover Ordered.

Washington.—Arrest of Charles C. Glover, millionaire president of the Biggs National bank, and his appearance before the house on a charge of contempt because of his assault upon Representative Sims of Tennessee, was recommended to the house by the sub-committee.

Fishglue Discoverer Dies.

Glenchester, Mass.—Benjamin Robinson, the discoverer of fishglue, died at the age of 84. When eating fish chowder many years ago, he noted a gummy substance on his spoon and after experimenting for some time established an industry which has become one of the largest in the city.

Working to Aid Victims.

Washington.—An army of mercy, under the direction of the Red Cross, numbering approximately 2,000, and having at its command nearly \$2,000,000, is working throughout the recently flooded districts in Ohio, helping impoverished "plain people" back to independence.

Apples Sold for 33c Cost \$1.75.

Grand Junction, Colo.—When packing a box of apples recently, Mrs. J. M. Higgins put a note in the box asking the purchaser to write and tell her how much he paid for the box. The purchaser wrote he paid \$1.75. She received 33 cents.

Strike Cost Is \$20,000,000.

Brussels, Belgium.—Competent economists reckon the money loss caused by the recent strike for equal suffrage at \$20,000,000. This, the Socialists declare, has been well lost if the country has thereby won equal suffrage.

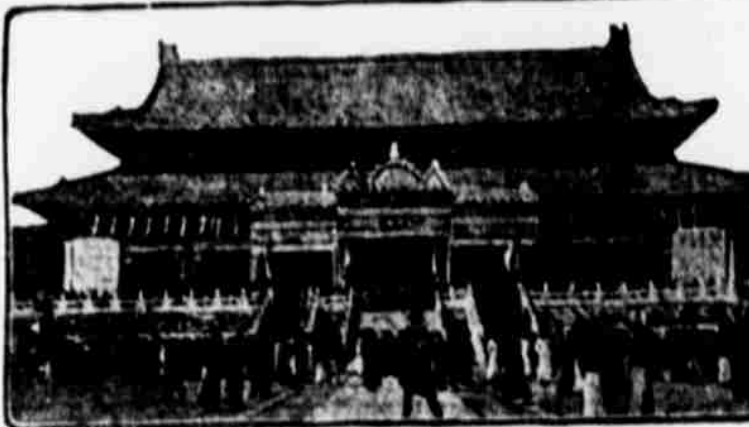
\$100,000 Awarded to Girl.

Little Rock, Ark.—A judgment for \$100,000 against W. C. Fayette, former mayor and wealthy citizen of Argentina, Ark., in favor of Lota Anderson of Fort Worth, Tex., for breach of promise, was awarded.

"Devil in Me," Says Pastor.

Evansville, Ind.—When Rev. Dr. Evans, a Free Methodist minister at Newburg, Ind., was arraigned before a justice for beating his wife, he said: "The devil is in me." He has been conducting a revival.

PAY LAST HONORS TO EMPRESS OF CHINA



The picture shows the Tai Ho Tien in the first courtyard of the Forbidden City. It shows the altar arch of honor and the crowds of people wishing to bow three times before the picture of the late empress on the altar inside the building.

MINE EXPLOSION TRAPS 100 MEN, 70 BODIES FOUND

348 IGNITES IN FINLEYVILLE. PA. SHAFT AND MILL WORK. INGS WITH FLAMES.

FUMES CHECK RESCUERS: NO HOPE FOR ENTOMBED

Forty Who Reach Surface Say Entries are Filled With the Dead—Entrances are Clogged but Tappings Heard on Outside Give Hope—Rescue Squad of U. S. Bureau of Mines Give First Aid—After Damp Caused Death of Victims—Most of Dead Are Foreigners.

Pittsburg, Pa.—There are 110 counted as dead and 70 believed to be entombed in the Finleyville mine of the Monacaughela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company, at Finleyville, about 27 miles southeast of here, which was fired by an explosion yesterday afternoon.

The flames which prevented rescue work for many hours have been subdued sufficiently to permit squads to go in.

More than three score workmen made thrilling escapes, crawling most of the time on their hands and knees through deadly gas fumes and over debris. Many were badly burned.

Seventy bodies have been brought to the entrances and the work of recovery continues.

Paint tappings against pipes and debris in the mine are plainly heard by a frantic crowd of men, women and children outside the mine.

Two-thirds of the victims are foreigners.

The bodies were located by rescuing squads of the United States bureau of mines, the Monacaughela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company and the Pittsburg Coal company.

As the rescuers found a body it was carried to an entrance. None, however, was brought to the surface.

Preparations are being made to handle the dead. Box cars have been ordered to a mine siding. It is announced the victims will be taken from the mine and shipped at once to Monacaughela City to be prepared for burial.

Rescue work is hampered by after-damp.

The federal mine rescue car stationed at Brunston, Pa., left there for Finleyville immediately on receipt of news of the disaster.

Conditions in the mine, as far as it could be penetrated, indicate that most of the men were not killed by the explosion, but were caught by after-damp.

The bodies were found scattered in the entrance, where death by asphyxiation overtook the victims, while they were attempting to reach safety.

Thief Gets \$2,200 From Bank.

McAlester, Okla.—White Cashier Rader of the Calvin National bank at Calvin was at lunch some person or persons entered the building through a window in the basement, entered the bank through a trap-door and took \$2,200 from the till. All but \$335 was in currency, \$20 bills and under.

Militants Burn Rowboats.

Birmingham, England.—A band of militant suffragettes burned four hand-somey equipped rowboats at the fashionable Handsworth Park boathouse. The boats were burned to the water's edge and on the charred hulls the women left "Votes for Women" placards.

Guards Fire on Vessel.

New Orleans.—Guards fired on a Standard Oil company steamer, bound for the Gulf of Mexico, when the vessel refused to slacken speed while passing the Remy levee, which is expected momentarily to break.

Scrubwoman Leaves \$50,000.

New York.—Mrs. Matilda Wynne, a negro, an Oyster Bay washerwoman and scrubwoman, left an estate of more than \$50,000. The estate included \$37,000 deposited in New York and Brooklyn savings banks.

AFRAID OF TARIFF MEASURE

MURDOCK SAYS CHANGE WILL RUIN PROSPERITY.

Progressive Congressman, in Minority Report, Asks for Commission to Secure Information.

Washington, D. C.—A tariff commission, with power to elicit information, was urged, reasonable reduction of any duty obviously excessive was advocated, and radical reductions not founded on adequate information were opposed in a minority report presented to the house by Representative Victor Murdock of Kansas, the Progressive member of the ways and means committee.

Murdock asserted that if there had been wanting proof of the necessity of a tariff commission, the pending Temperance bill alone would supply it.

He charged that as a result of the methods used in its preparation, the few men who drafted it "are not warranted in feeling certain as to its effects and most of those who have endorsed it in various ways as party men cannot have other than a superficial knowledge of its provisions."

Under the guise of reducing the cost of living, he said, "it may destroy the very basis of our industrial prosperity. Proposing and promising to cheapen the food and clothing of the workman, it may take from him the very means by which he may earn his livelihood."

PREDICTS HIGHER MEAT COST

Swifts New Year Book Says Slaughter of Calves and Cattle Scarce Will Boost Price.

Chicago.—Increased cattle production and prohibition of the slaughter of calves for veal are put forth in the Year Book of Swift & Co. packers, as necessary to keep beef prices from going still higher.

Tables show that, while the population of the United States increased 16,542,000 in the last 10 years, the production of cattle decreased 7,458,000 head.

To relieve the pressure the consuming public is urged to eat more mutton and lamb and to cut out veal, the consumption of which has expanded 100 per cent in a decade.

WOULD STOP PARK SPOONING

Kansas City Police Chief Plans Way to End Public Lovemaking With Searchlight.

Kansas City, Mo.—To stop "spooning" in Swope park, Chief of Police Griffin said he hoped soon to install upon one of the high towers of the park shelter house a powerful searchlight, the eagle eye of which would bring into the limelight all couples secluded over the 1,200 acres of hill and dale the park contains.

The board of public welfare and the park board recently have made urgent complaints to the police against indiscriminate lovemaking in Swope.

"I believe the searchlight is the solution," said Chief Griffin. "This park spooning must be stopped."

3 SUFFRAGETTES SENTENCED

Mrs. Despard Gets Fourteen Days and Her Companions Receive Ten Days Each.

London, England.—Mrs. Charles Despard, the leader of the suffragettes arrested while trying to hold a meeting in Trafalgar square, was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment in default of payment of a fine of \$25. Her companions were sentenced to 10 days each.

Mrs. Despard declared that the attempt to hold a meeting in Trafalgar square was made as a protest against the government's prohibition of suffrage meetings in Hyde park.

Two Entombed Miners Found Alive.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Two men were found alive shortly after midnight in the Cincinnati mine at Finleyville, the scene of Wednesday's explosion, in which from 90 to 115 men lost their lives.

Miners Reject Proposal.

Charleston, W. Va.—The striking miners of the coal fields in this vicinity rejected the proposals of Gov. Hatfield for a settlement of the strike which were accepted several days ago by the operators.

BRYCE QUILTS WASHINGTON

AMBASSADOR WHO REFUSED TITLE RETURNS HOME.

"Commoner" Has Been Before Public Over Half Century—Will Resume His Literary Pursuits.

Washington, D. C.—Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador, 75 years young, said farewell to Washington and started back to England to take up the literary labors he dropped in 1907 when his government detailed him to the United States to settle vexing international disputes.

The ambassador's ruddy face, framed in its aureole of white whiskers, was solemn as he said good-by to the diplomats and national officials who made a little fete in the Union depot, bidding Godspeed.

"Yours is a wonderful country and a wonderful government," he said. "I am leaving it perhaps for the last time. Naturally, it makes me feel sad. I am going back to my home in Sussex, where I will complete a work on Australia and possibly further revise my history of American government—who knows?" And the ambassador laughed happily and beamed upon his wife.

With Bryce's departure one of the noted characters in international life steps from the stage of events. In his long career—he has been a public figure since he was 21 years old—he has been scholar, author of books on subjects ranging from botany, natural and political history to international jurisprudence, diplomat and college professor. Countless degrees and membership titles in learned organizations have been showered on him.

Through all his successes he has remained plain James Bryce. Although he was for a long time a member of the British cabinet, chief secretary for Ireland and a chancellor and was offered a title by the government, he refused it, preferring to remain a commoner.

WOMAN FREED OF MURDER

Mrs. Applebaum Says He Told Her "You've Got Just Five Minutes to Live."

Atlanta, Ga.—Mrs. Charlie Scott Applebaum took the stand in her trial for the murder of her husband, a Chicago salesman, and told the jury that she was "as innocent as an angel in heaven."

"At 12:20 midnight, on Feb. 25," said Mrs. Applebaum, "my husband lay down beside me with a revolver in his hand and said, 'You've got just five minutes to live.' I put my head under the cover and told him, 'to shoot.' I give you my word of honor I do not remember anything else. I was in the housekeeper's room the next morning, and some one was bathing my head."

LOWER RIVER LEVEE BREAKS

Point Coupee and Iberville Parishes Will Be Partly Flooded—Rail Traffic Threatened.

Metairie, La.—A portion of the main levee forming the east bank of the Atchafalaya river, north of Krotz Springs, gave way. The crevasse will flood parts of Point Coupee and Iberville parishes.

The Frisco railroad between Baton Rouge and Opelousa and the Southern Pacific branch between Baton Rouge and Lafayette will be cut by the flood waters, and the Texas & Pacific between Plaquemine and Metairie will be abandoned.

3000 BOY SCOUTS HUNT GIRL

Child, 9, Mysteriously Disappears While Selling Tickets for Church Benefit—Gypsies Suspected.

Chicago, Ill.—Three thousand Boy Scouts in Chicago were enlisted in the search for Katherine Winters, 9 years old, who disappeared from her home in Newcastle, Ind. March 20, while selling tickets for a church benefit.

A committee of boys representing the scouts called at detective headquarters to get a description of the missing child, who is believed to have been kidnapped by gypsies, who brought her to Chicago or some city near by.

Explosion on Liner Imperator.

Hamburg.—It is said that the Hamburg-American giant liner Imperator was not injured by the explosion reported aboard the liner. The story was that several cans of petrol blew up because of carelessness in handling and eight men were injured.

Coroner's Jury Deadlocked 18 Days.

Chicago.—Robert Worden, a reporter, deadlocked a coroner's jury 18 days and forced disagreement. Worden would not exonerate a physician whose automobile ran down a child.

Landlady Whips 180-Pound Rouser.

Chicago.—Frank Demarest, weight 180, failed to pay his room rent for three successive weeks. Mrs. Emily Barcen, landlady, weight 130, beat him so badly that he went to a hospital for repairs.

Express Loss Through Parcel Post.

Madison, Wis.—Testimony that the parcel post had taken away 29 per cent of the business of the express companies was given before a committee of the legislature by representatives of the express company.

NEWS OF MISSOURI

Students Walk to Dance.

Columbia.—The junior prom, the biggest social event of the student year, was held at Rothwell gymnasium. Over 100 couples attended. Miss Lara Griggsby of Boulder, Colo., was queen of the ball. Her escort was George Taaffe of Carthage. Tiger basket ball star. The junior prom committee, composed of students from all departments of the University of Missouri, this year ruled that no flowers and no cake should be the rule, in order that the dance would be within the reach of all students.

Major Signs Pension Bill.

Jefferson City.—Although expressing doubts as to its constitutionality, Gov. Major signed the bill for pensioning indigent Confederate soldiers not inmates of the Confederate home at Higginsville. This measure carries an appropriation of \$30,000 to pay the \$10 a month pension provided for 1913 and 1914. This legislature enacted this law to relieve indigent Confederates, about 100 in number, who could not be cared for at the home at Higginsville, because of the lack of room.

To Entertain State Editors.

Warrensburg.—The Warrensburg Commercial club at a meeting appointed a committee of entertainment to cooperate with the Pettie Springs management in entertaining the Missouri State Press association at its meeting at the springs, June 22 and 23 next. The members of the committee are: W. J. Mayes, mayor; Wallace Crossley, editor of the Star-Journal; C. M. Jaeger, editor of the Standard-Herald; Randolph Collins, H. P. Berkey and E. N. Johnson.

State Spelling Bee May 12.

Jefferson City.—The annual state spelling match in which one representative from each of the counties, seven from St. Louis, three from Kansas City and one each from Springfield, Joplin and St. Joseph may participate will be held in Jefferson City on May 12. This is during the annual convention of county superintendents. No pupils above the eighth grade may compete. The first annual spelling bee was held last year. More than three-fourths of the counties had representatives in the contest.

Quarrels With Wife; Fires Home.

Rock Hill, Ind.—Messler, a farmer 45 years of age, living near Pleasant Gap, quarreled with his wife and falling to effect a reconciliation, returned to his home and set fire to his house, barn, corn crib and all other buildings on the farm. All buildings were destroyed. He left a note saying his wife's relatives had planned to get his money and then get rid of him, and he was burning everything as to spoil their plans. Messler has disappeared.

Major Delays Fair Board.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Major will not appoint the five members of the Panama-Pacific exposition commission for some time yet. He says it is not necessary to appoint them at this time. The bill passed by the legislature appropriating \$100,000 for the preparation of a Missouri exhibit at San Francisco and the pay of commissioners provides for five commissioners, not more than three to be Democrats.

Audrain County Wets to Try Again.

Mexico.—Sam J. Brown, who filed for a writ of mandamus in the St. Louis court of appeals to compel the Audrain county judges to call a local option election in the county outside of Mexico, declared the action of the court in refusing the writ had no effect on the wets, who would circulate another petition.

Wade Arranges for State Funds.

Jefferson City.—Fratua J. Wade of the Mercantile Trust company of St. Louis was here and made final arrangements for taking over \$3,250,000 of the state funds. This company was made depository for \$2,500,000 of the state's surplus funds, at a public bidding for the same a week ago.

Craig to Investigate Credits.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Major named State Senator A. Craig of Nodaway county delegate to represent Missouri, as a member of the investigating committee which will go to Europe this summer to study the rural credit system in vogue in many countries there.

Champ Clark Appoints Son.

Washington.—Bennett Clark, son of Speaker Clark, has been appointed parliamentary clerk of the house to succeed Charles R. Crisp of Georgia, who now is a representative. Clark is 23 years old, a graduate of the University of Missouri and the youngest man who has ever served as clerk at the speaker's table.

Dog Bites Senator, Buford's Child.

Jefferson City.—Senator Carter M. Buford of Ellington, Reynolds county, came to Jefferson City, bringing the head of a pup which bit his little daughter to have State Bacteriologist Stone inform him whether the animal had been afflicted with rabies.

Dr. John Healy Drops Dead.

Sullivan.—Dr. John Healy, a pharmacist, dropped dead on the street from heart failure. He was formerly a resident of St. Louis. His body was taken there for burial.